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Rabin, Peres to continue talks in cooperation in Labour Party

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, accompanied by their key advisers, are expected to meet today for a practical discussion of the new Labour Party's cooperation in the Knesset.

It seems that the two leaders will meet Friday and Saturday, said Peres' spokesman, Yehoshua Ben-Zion. The meeting was arranged by the Labour Party's Secretary-General, Meir Zuckerman, who met Peres again yesterday.



Former Prime Minister Golda Meir votes for one of the resolutions passed at the Labour Party convention session on Friday. Seated between her and Prime Minister Rabin is party veteran Shraga Netzer.

strong points that can be used in party maneuvering.

Rabin's men already have consented to a fifty-fifty division of the central list in the new Central Committee. Forty-three per cent of the members of that Committee were chosen Friday by an appointed points committee, in which Rabin's camp had a majority. The committee had made a unanimous recommendation, and Peres supporters said representation there was equal.

It is still not clear who has the upper hand in the other 57 per cent of the membership, following elections in the 15 party regions.

Peres said there will be no two camps in the party, and his cooperation with former Foreign Minister Abba Eban will continue, as will ties with all other delegates who supported his bid.

A key Peres supporter derided speculation Peres would not be

Jerusalem sceptical to Beirut report

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Reporter

Israel officials last night treated news of the latest agreement between Sarsik and the PLO with cautious scepticism.

"The test will be in the implementation," a highly-placed source observed. He noted that a good many such agreements had been trumpeted in the past, only to fail in the execution.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon is expected to give an initial analysis of the agreement at today's Cabinet meeting.

Earlier last night, sources in Jerusalem warned that Israel would "not tolerate" any resumption of terrorist activity against the Lebanese border. For the present, the sources said, Israel was watching the situation in southern Lebanon closely. Israel would not act, they indicated, as long as there was no provocation from the other side.

Some 3,500 Palestinian terrorists are believed to be stationed in southern Lebanon at the present time. The sources noted that the terrorist presence in the area had, normally been "in the thousands" — though it had fallen off when several units moved northwards to take part in the civil war fighting — and was now rising again.

The sources recalled that Israel had last month made a deliberate and calculated choice in demanding the withdrawal of Syrian troops from the area — at the risk of facilitating a greater terrorist presence.

Jerusalem had considered the terrorists the lesser of the two evils from the strategic and security standpoints.

Some observers suggested last night that the Syrians might have purposely encouraged now a large-scale return of PLO men to southern Lebanon to support their argument that without their own forces the terrorists would move back — and possibly to justify another Syrian incursion in the future.

Lebanese President Sarkis' reported proposal for a UN buffer force on the border was received without enthusiasm in Jerusalem. "The problem of southern Lebanon is not an Israeli-Lebanese problem, but an internal Lebanese problem," one high official remarked. "The Lebanese government must assert its own authority in the area."

Israel and Lebanon have not been at war, and there is thus no need for a UN buffer force, the official added. The small number of UNTSO observers stationed on the border since 1949 had always done their job effectively, and continued to do so, he said.

PLO agrees to quit areas near border

But some terror groups may refuse

The Palestine Liberation Organization has undertaken to withdraw its forces from southern Lebanese regions bordering Israel, Beirut reports said last night.

The reports said that the PLO pullback was outlined in an agreement reached yesterday between Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and PLO chief Yasser Arafat under pressure exerted by a number of Arab governments. It was not clear whether the various PLO factions, especially those in the "rejection front," would acquiesce in the withdrawal.

The new agreement said that PLO forces would be withdrawn to the southern coastal town of Tyre. The agreement also called for relocating Palestinian refugees from troubled southern Beirut in new camps, to be constructed chiefly by Saudi Arabia.

The news of the new agreement followed threats of a new showdown between Christian militias and the PLO in southern Lebanon, from which thousands of families were reported fleeing northward. The plight of the southern Lebanese, it was said, has worsened in several districts where a Syrian-dominated Arab League peacekeeping force has

By ANAN ARAFADI
Post Middle East Affairs Editor

been stationed since last November. Its task has been to police the jittery end to Lebanon's nearly two-year-long civil war.

Beirut reports over the weekend spoke of intermittent but savage clashes between Christian militias and the PLO in south-eastern Lebanon, although no evidence of large-scale fighting could be detected from the Israeli side of the border.

According to these reports, the stake was a number of strategic bills controlling routes to major southern Lebanese towns, including the PLO-controlled Bint Jbeil. An announcement by the Christian militia that they had captured Bint Jbeil could not be confirmed from any other source by late last night.

The weekend clashes capped a week-long campaign by Christian militias to flush out the PLO forces whose numbers have recently increased by about 3,500 men.

At one stage yesterday, the Lebanese government was reported considering urging the U.N. Security Council to send an international force to police the south. However, following the reported PLO agree-

ment to withdraw, the government is now said to have promised to send a regrouped Lebanese army brigade of 1,000 to 2,000 men to maintain security there soon.

The situation in southern Lebanon is expected to be high on the agenda of the presidents of Egypt and Syria, Anwar Sadat and Hafez Assad, who are scheduled to meet today in Khartoum to incorporate Sudan in the joint political command set up recently between Cairo and Damascus.

Sadat and Assad, now hammering out a joint Middle East diplomatic offensive, were both reportedly opposed to a further deterioration in southern Lebanon where a stepped up PLO presence could trigger a strong Israeli reaction. Yet the two leaders are trying to keep the PLO intact to be used as a lever in their political bargaining.

The talks between Sadat and Assad on southern Lebanon are likely to be extended to a discussion on the overall political fate of the PLO. Both Sadat and Assad have recently called on the PLO to enter "some sort of confederate link" with Jordan, although this stance appears to have been modified in the wake of reports that King Hussein has been on the CIA payroll.

PLO won't revoke charter

Post Middle East Affairs Editor

The Palestine Liberation Organization will not revoke sections of its covenant which call for the dismantling of Israel and its replacement with a secular democratic state, PLO foreign affairs chief said yesterday.

Farouk Kaddoumi, in three separate interviews with the Arab press, said that the PLO would not recognize secure boundaries for Israel, nor would it drop its demand for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Kaddoumi said that while the PLO favored close relations with Jordan, it would not agree to be part of a Jordanian delegation in forthcoming Middle East negotiations, in Geneva or at other places.

20 more Israel Arabs to visit Hussein

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — The Jordan government has given another 20 Israeli Arabs permission to visit Jordan for a condolence visit to King Hussein on the death of his wife Alia. Half are members of the prominent Fahoum family here; it is believed that the permission was obtained by the intercession of Jordanian members of the same family. Last week a party of 32 Israeli Arabs paid a condolence call on Hussein. Several hundred Arabs, mainly Christians, have applied for permission to visit Jordan and Jerusalem is considering the requests.

Carter hails Hussein as CIA info source

WASHINGTON. — Describing Jordan's King Hussein as "our most reliable source" of information in the Middle East, President Carter told congressional leaders he had sought to discourage "The Washington Post" from disclosing U.S. Central Intelligence Agency payments to Hussein, congressional sources said on Friday.

In his account — given to the congressional leaders on Tuesday — Carter confirmed the CIA payments to Hussein, something he has declined to do publicly.

It remained unclear when Carter first learned of the payments, which he ordered cancelled after "The Post" began its inquiry.

But a Senate source said former CIA director George Bush had told the Senate Intelligence Committee about the arrangement some time ago, and had encountered no opposition there. (AP)

J'lem backs down on U.S. oil-rigs in its Sinai waters

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel has quietly agreed to permit an Amoco rig drilling for oil on the Egyptian side of the Gulf of Suez median line to anchor on the Israeli side of the line, informed sources here disclosed yesterday.

The sources made it clear that the actual Amoco drilling rig was stationed west of the median line, and that only its anchor was to the east — on the Israeli side of the Gulf.

Previously Israel had refused to agree to allow Amoco anchors beyond the median line. But following State Department intervention on behalf of the U.S. oil company last week, Israel quietly dropped its objections.

Feared dead in fire giant Moscow hotel

SOVIET PRESS. — Soviet officials were quoted in a Moscow newspaper as saying that at least 100 people were killed in a fire that broke out in the north wing and central part of Moscow's mammoth Hotel Rossiya on Friday night.

Unconfirmed reports carried from the burning building on Friday night, and from a Soviet television news report, said that 20 to 40 Russians might have been killed. No foreign guests of the hotel were reported to have been killed.

Rescue workers using six cranes worked through a steel storm window to replace exploded windows in the fire-blackened wing, which was still draped with sheets.

Types some guests had used in the hotel were lowered to the ground by a crane. One evening newspaper carried a story with two photographs at the bottom of its third page.

square, topped by a 21-storey tower, that covers several city blocks just off Red Square.

"It's a mess up there on some of the floors," said a Japanese guest who had been allowed back into the damaged area. "There is smoke and electricity and the doors are so charred that it's hard to read the numbers."

Many parts of the hotel continued to function normally, however. Wedding parties were seen in the east and west wings, and several restaurants were operating — though not the 21st-floor tower establishment that is considered one of Moscow's finest.

About 500 Western visitors, mostly businessmen, were believed to have been in the hotel — 100 of them in the ravaged north wing. The 500 included about 60 Japanese, one of whom injured an arm smashing glass to escape.



Moscow firemen Friday night battling flames that engulfed wing of Moscow's giant Hotel Rossiya, used by many foreign visitors to the Soviet capital.

The British Embassy said about 15 Britons had been in the hotel and that none was injured. The U.S. Embassy said it had so far accounted for more than 200 American citizens staying at the hotel.

Intourist, the Soviet state tourist agency, said two Americans had been taken to Botkin Diplomatic Hospital for treatment. Neither was believed in serious condition. A third American was treated and released.

Vance to give Carter's view on boycott

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Congressional supporters of strong legislation to make it illegal for U.S. companies to comply with the Arab boycott against Israel are anxiously awaiting Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's testimony before congressional committees tomorrow and Tuesday.

Vance will outline the Carter Administration's stand on this crucial issue. Since taking office on January 20, the Administration has been sending out mixed signals.

During the election campaign, President Jimmy Carter strongly opposed the Arab boycott, often calling for new legislation to punish those U.S. firms that cooperate with it. He condemned former President Ford's opposition to new legislation.

But since taking office, Carter Administration officials, apparently following the advice of the State Department, which is concerned over a negative Arab (especially Saudi Arabian) backlash if new legal measures are adopted, have left it unclear whether the Administration will go along with pending legislation in Congress.

Vance, since becoming Secretary of State, has said only that the Administration was studying the problem in connection with U.S. foreign policy considerations in the Middle East.

But supporters of the legislation insist that this is a purely domestic U.S. issue — not a foreign policy matter — and it should not be linked to efforts to win new friends in the Arab world by compromising on basic American principles of free trade and non-discrimination.

Sensators William Proxmire (Democrat-Wisconsin) and Harrison Williams (Democrat-N.J.) and Representatives Jonathan Bingham and Benjamin Rosenthal (Democrats-N.Y.) have introduced virtually identical bills in the Senate and House respectively, outlawing the so-called secondary and tertiary Arab boycotts. Senator Adlai Stevenson (Democrat-Illinois) has put forward a somewhat "weaker" bill. American Jewish organizations support the stronger measures.

Doctors strike today, civil servants tomorrow

By ZE'EV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hospital doctors and representatives of the Civil Service Commission were reported to be negotiating late last night in an attempt to avert a strike which is threatening to paralyze all of the country's hospitals as of this morning.

Between 2,500 and 2,700 of the doctors have said that they would put their hospitals on a "shabbat footing," accepting only extreme emergency cases. They are demanding implementation of the pay increases they won after a strike three months ago.

The representative of the Civil Service Commission, in an interview broadcast yesterday, accused the doctors of attempting to extort benefits over and beyond those given them in the new contract.

"This, according to the representative, included wage hikes and other benefits, doubling the gross income of the doctors."

On Friday, the spokesman of the Health Ministry also claimed that the Treasury and the Ministry of Finance were delaying implementation of the new wage scale agreed upon for the doctors, but said that the doctors would be getting what was due them with their March paycheques.

Simha Kraissmann, secretary-general of the Federation of Physicians, told The Jerusalem Post here yesterday that the government had not given any "implementation orders" to the accounting departments, although the new agreement had expressly stipulated the amendment of the doctors' salaries "no later than February 1977" and that payment of all retroactive sums due would be made by April of this year.

"All that has happened so far is that I have been given the run-around for these past three weeks, chasing from one government office to the other," Kraissmann said.

"This is going to be only a one-day warning strike but unless something gives soon we will consider taking more serious steps in the very near future," he added.

The doctors' strike will be followed tomorrow by a national strike of the 58,000 civil servants, according to the union secretariat here on Friday.

The civil servants are protesting against the alleged continued erosion of their salaries in its real purchasing value as well as in comparison to the wage agreements approved recently.

A secretariat spokesman said that tomorrow's walkout was scheduled for one day only "for the time being," adding that the union's executive members would meet here the same day and that it was "quite likely" that unless their demands were met by then they would decide to continue the strike.

Eliahu Reif, secretary-general of the Union of Clerks, denied reports that his union would join the civil servants strike tomorrow but said that the 140,000 members were also insisting on "keeping abreast" with recent wage hikes.

The clerks still have a valid labour contract which extends until April 1978 and which is limited to a two and a half per cent wage hike for each of two years. This, in view of the recent agreements, however, was no longer adequate, Reif said.

"Unless this situation is corrected — and we warned the Histadrut against wage hikes only three days before these were given to the engineers and others — we will have each sector of our union (municipal, Jewish Agency, Histadrut, etc.) negotiating directly with their employers and give them carte blanche to fend for themselves, including the option of strikes," Reif warned.

Uganda radio: Just want to show them some dances

Min summons all U.S. nationals to Kampala

OB. — Uganda President Idi Amin barred U.S. citizens leaving the country and summoned them all to an audience with him for tomorrow. But Uganda said yesterday that "it never held his mind" to hold the U.S. hostages. "It is the U.S. diplomats who are putting these into his mouth," the radio said.

U.S. had asked Amin to clarify that he had summoned the 178 Americans — of them missionaries working in the landlocked country — to an 11 meeting at which they were to sign a memorandum, "mainly to prove they 'do not want to move' from Uganda," Uganda radio said. Amin "is a person who repeats his words all times," adding that a

message he sent President Carter had been "very clear." The long message had been in response to Carter's remarks that recent reported mass murders in Uganda had "disgusted the entire civilized world."

In his cable, Amin had retorted, "all you have said about Uganda is false." He had also declared that Uganda was "ready to meet" the 8,000 U.S. marines he claimed were on standby to parachute into Uganda to evacuate Americans.

He linked the latest supposed plan to overthrow his government to Israel's July 4, 1976 invasion of the Entebbe Airport. A lot of Ugandan property, including modern planes and sophisticated weapons were destroyed, Amin said, in that mission (which had rescued Jews held hostage there).

However, Uganda radio was more conciliatory yesterday, saying Amin wanted to thank the Americans for their work in Uganda and would probably give them a big reception with cultural shows and African dances.

"This meeting should not cause unnecessary alarm," it said.

In Washington, a presidential press spokesman said the broadcast was helpful in allaying concern over the U.S. citizens. He also denied that marines were poised to invade Uganda.

U.S. sources in Nairobi doubt that all the U.S. nationals in Uganda were aware of Amin's orders to gather in Kampala. Several missionaries live and work in remote parts of the country cut off from modern communications, they said. For example, for four Americans working for

the African Inland Mission in the West Nile region and in northwestern Uganda the nearest telephone was 64 km. away.

Meanwhile, fresh news reports circulating in the Kenyan capital yesterday said a Cuban military delegation had arrived in Kampala to discuss ways to help Uganda with armaments and personnel if necessary.

The reports, quoting reliable sources in Kampala, said up to 1,000 Cubans are already in Uganda, following the signing earlier this month of a military agreement by Amin and Cuban general Francisco Cabrera.

Lilya's head of state, Muammar Gaddafi, has already pledged troops to Amin if he needs them, the Ugandan leader said last week. (UPI, Reuters)

Incidents at Machpela Cave

HEBRON. — Disturbances broke out in the Cave of the Patriarchs on Friday, when Arab worshippers tried to take through the synagogue the coffin of a man who had died in the Cave. They wanted to take the body into the mosque for funeral prayers. They were prevented by soldiers from carrying the coffin through the synagogue, and scuffle broke out. The mourners were eventually dispersed with the use of tear gas.

Yesterday, Kiyat Arba residents praying in the synagogue at the Cave discovered that a number of prayer books had been torn. Last night, they showed the desecrated books to Military Government officials, and sent a letter to the Military Governor demanding to be allowed to mount permanent guard at the cave, to prevent a repetition of such incidents. (Itim)

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Safed	8-13	10-15
Haifa Port	8-13	10-15
Tiberias	8-13	10-15
Nazareth	8-13	10-15
Afula	8-13	10-15
Shomron	8-13	10-15
Tel Aviv	12-19	14-22
E-G Airport	12-19	14-22
Jericho	8-13	10-15
Gaza	8-13	10-15
Beer Sheva	8-13	10-15
Eilat	12-19	14-22
Tiran Straits	12-19	14-22

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

David Storey's "The Farm" will be read, in English, by the ZOA House drama circle, at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow, at ZOA House, Tel Aviv.

A luncheon in honour of Phil Granovsky, President of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Inc., was given at Beit Shalom, Jerusalem, on Friday by Ezra Z. Shapiro, World Chairman, Karen Haywood-United Israel Appeal.

Prof. A. R. Batterbury, FRS, of the University Chemical Laboratory, Cambridge, will give a lecture on "How nature makes her porphyrine," at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Centre, at 11:15 this morning in hall gimmel, the School of Pharmacy.

ARRIVALS

Amalia Rodriguez, Portuguese tango singer, from Paris, for a series of appearances.

Sam Rothberg, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University and general chairman of Israel Bonds, for the Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting and Hebrew University business.

DEPARTURES

Alex Lewinstein, chairman of the Furniture Exporters Guild for a number of EEC countries, to boost sales.

Mate Amit, managing director of Koor Industries, to lecture at an international conference of top industrial executives (by El Al).

New Gerer Rebbe

Rabbi Simha Bunim Alter yesterday became the new Rabbi of the Gur Hassidim (Gerer Rebbe), following the termination of his office (seven days of mourning) for his brother, the late Yisroel Alter.

Ten elders of the Gerer "court" in Jerusalem informed the new rebbe that his brother had left oral instructions that Rabbi Simha, 80, was to succeed him.

Thousands of hassidim from all over the country were reported yesterday to be streaming to Jerusalem to receive the new rebbe's blessing.

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'Ready to yield territory in West Bank for peace'

Labour softens peace plank, but rebuffs doves

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party convention softened its peace plank on Friday, expressing readiness for a territorial withdrawal in the West Bank for a peace settlement.

The party thus deviated from its earlier platform which had been vague on the future of Judea and Samaria to satisfy both doves and hawks.

Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan attempted to block this shift by tabling three amendments — but failed to win endorsement.

On the other hand, the convention roundly defeated a proposed amendment that said Israel would negotiate with Palestinian groups which would recognize Israel and abide by UN resolutions 242 and 338.

The key decision adopted yesterday said that "the political efforts to reach a permanent peace in defensible borders with Egypt, Jordan and Syria are to be continued with readiness for territorial compromise with each of them, and with Lebanon."

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT, Jerusalem Post Reporter

In the present boundaries.

Observers noted the significance of the words "each of them." The party's policy up to now has merely expressed "readiness for territorial compromise." Since it was not specified where, the hawks could claim there was no readiness to yield territory in Judea and Samaria.

Appearing before the convention, Dayan argued for upholding the ambiguity. He said he did not believe peace could be attained through a territorial partition. "If we conclude peace with them, it will be by mutual understanding as a result of living side by side with each other rather than a division along a line," he said.

Moreover, the former Defence Minister argued, the world never recognized Jordan's decision to annex the West Bank (after the 1949 armistice agreement was signed), and Israel should not do so now.

Dayan warned that the U.S. might take advantage of the new development and pressure Israel to cede some territory in the West Bank before a peace agreement is signed. "They will say: 'Since you're prepared to divide the West Bank in the context of an over-all peace, give something for peace.' We'll find it very difficult to withstand pressure," Dayan added. "I'm speaking from experience."

The former Defence Minister told the convention: "I'm not opposed to recognizing Jordanian sovereignty over part of the West Bank, when this will be part of a peace agreement acceptable to us... But to adopt this formula (expressing readiness to withdraw) in advance, without having reached an agreement with them... we shouldn't do it."

Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili maintained that Israel was not drawing maps. The committee's proposal did not constitute a recognition of Jordanian sovereignty over the West Bank but was merely a statement that "we would be willing to give (territory) to Jordan, not to a Palestinian state, not to the PLO nor any other body."

Galili said that "Israel's readiness for peace, even at the expense of a territorial compromise with Jordan in Judea and Samaria, should be expressed, and should be a basis for educating (people) so that nobody outside or inside, willingly or unwillingly would be able to blur it."

A decisive majority then rejected Dayan's proposal.

In earlier meetings in the sub-committee which drafted the plank, former Prime Minister Golda Meir urged that any agreement calling for ceding territory in the West Bank should be ratified only after elections since the issue is so divisive. But she did not muster sufficient support there. The convention decided on Friday that any peace agreement is subject "to approval by the Government and the Knesset."

These decisions paved the way for Mapam to continue its alignment with Labour. Mapam's Central Committee will meet here this morning.

A narrow majority also defeated a Dayan proposal to amend the section which says that the Government should give priority to settlement in "the Jerusalem district... and the Jordan Valley." It should say "the West Bank," he maintained.

"I see no reason why there should be no settlement in Mt. Hebron," Dayan said. He reported that he had asked Danny Rosolio, chairman of the sub-committee which prepared the plank, why there was this specification. Rosolio replied, Dayan said, that this had followed consultations with the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department and other bodies.

"It is not for Yehiel Admoni (director-general of the Settlement Department) to determine where there will be settlement," Dayan declared. "This is the Government's responsibility, and Yehiel Admoni should implement this decision."

Dayan reasoned that, by saying there will be settlement in the Jerusalem environs and in the Jordan Valley, the party is tacitly saying that there will be no settlement elsewhere in the West Bank.

Minister Galili replied and appeared to some listeners to be only half-hearted. Galili is chairman of the Ministerial committee on settlement.

The specification gives those settlements the convention's moral and political endorsement, Galili said.

The minister created a storm when he began "before the last Mapam convention... The rest of the settlement was governed by convention members who shouted that Mapam will not dictate to Labour what policies to adopt. The minister corrected himself again: 'I told our friends in Mapam that if they present an ultimatum about settlement in the Jordan Valley, there will be no alignment.'"

Dayan's proposal was defeated by 689 votes against 800.

The former Defence Minister also protested against the proposal which says that settlement will be made "in the context of the government's decision to assure... defensible borders." He said, "As far as I'm concerned, there is no difference between the reasons for settling in Nahalal, Ein Harod and Degania and for settlement in Kiryat Arba and Mebela..."

Galili replied that by now there is no need to specify Israel's Zionist ideals regarding settlement. He said the plank is designed to answer "one of the most essential political needs in the international arena, and that is to establish what the identity between settlements and defensible borders is for us."

Questioned earlier by reporters, Dayan was silent on his future in Labour should his demands be rejected. Asked what his next step would be, he said: "I haven't decided to leave the party. If I decide, I'll make it known." Asked whether he was considering such a move he replied: "I don't have to tell you more than that. Do I have to consult you?"

The convention also rejected a proposal that Israel express readiness to talk to Palestinian groups who will recognize this country and accept UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

Yitzhak Navon, the chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, who argued for this amendment, said he opposed the creation of an independent Palestinian state between Israel and Jordan. But Israel will find it easier to plead its case if it appears flexible. "You've heard our friends from Holland and other countries," he said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the convention that the Palestinian issue is not the key issue and the Palestinians can find their "particular expression... in the Jordanian-Palestinian state... We must conduct negotiations with states and not missions," he added.

Galili noted that Israel hoped Jordan would include Palestinian representatives from the West Bank in its delegation.

Navon's motion was then resoundingly defeated.

Excerpts from Labour's peace plank

Constant striving for peace: The central objective of Israel is the attainment of peace with the neighbouring states and the weaving of the fabric of cooperation between the peoples of the region. Israel has been striving for this target ever since it came into being, and the fact that it has not been reached is due to the policy of hostility, war and boycott pursued by the Arab States all these years. None the less, the political efforts to reach permanent peace in defensible borders with Egypt, Jordan and Syria are to be continued with readiness for territorial compromise with each of them, and with Lebanon — with the present boundaries.

Israel will support the convention of the Geneva Conference without delay, composed of the participants as agreed in December, 1976. This agreement constitutes the base for the Peace Conference and should not be deviated from. Israel rejects the invitation of representatives of PLO and terrorist organizations.

At the Peace Conference and through all channels of international relations, Israel will strive for peace agreements to be arrived at by negotiation without precondition, without pressures, and without attempts by any party to impose anything.

The peace agreements should ensure:

- 1) Cessation of all elements of hostility, blockade, and boycott.
- 2) Defensible borders enabling Israel to defend itself efficiently against military attack or attempts at blockade, and based upon territorial compromise.

Peace borders should replace cease-fire lines. Demilitarisation provisions and political arrangements are to be included in the peace agreements, additional to agreed and recognised defensible borders, and not instead of them. Israel will not return to the borders of June 4, 1967, which constituted an encroachment to aggression.

- 3) United Jerusalem is the Capital of Israel. In the peace arrangements, the special religious status of the places holy to Islam and Christianity should be safeguarded, under autonomous administration.
- 4) The Jewish character of the State of Israel so as to realise its Zionist destination and its tasks in immigration and ingathering of the exiles.
- 5) The beginning of an era of regular relationships between Israel and the neighbouring states in this political, economic, social and cultural fields.

The peace agreement with Jordan is to be based upon the existence of two independent states: Israel with its capital in United Jerusalem, and an Arab state to the east of Israel. Israel rejects the establishment of an additional separate Arab State to the west of the Jordan River. In the neighbouring Jordanian-Palestinian state, the independent identity of the Palestinian and Jordanian Arabs will be able to find its expression, in peace and good neighbourliness with Israel.

Any peace agreement is to be signed subject to approval by the Government and the Knesset.

Vance says Israel needn't talk to PLO

TEL AVIV. — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance does not consider the PLO to be an appropriate partner for negotiations as long as it adheres to the current Palestinian Convention, which advocates the destruction of the State of Israel.

This was reported on Friday by Foreign Ministry director-general Professor Shlomo Avineri, speaking before the Tel Aviv Engineers Club.

Replacing the scheduled speaker, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Avineri said that this view, expressed during Vance's recent visit, was an important addition to U.S. Middle Eastern policy, even though Vance's remarks received little publicity during the visit itself.

Carter thanks Kollek for Koren Bible

Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem last week received a letter from President Jimmy Carter thanking him for the Bible sent by Kollek on the occasion of Carter's inauguration.

The Koren Bible was especially bound in leather.

"This gift," Carter wrote, "will serve as a lasting reminder of the unique heritage of your city."

No authority for Rabin in Washington, says Likud

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The Knesset must instruct Premier Yitzhak Rabin, as head of a minority caretaker government, not to make any political commitments on behalf of the State during his discussions in Washington.

Menachem Begin insisted on Friday. The Likud leader asked the Speaker for leave to raise in the Knesset an urgent matter the subject of the Prime Minister's trip to the U.S. next month, claiming Rabin does not represent a majority of the electorate.

Another Likud MP, Liberal leader Simha Ehrlich urged that, for reasons of national self-respect and the lack of valid authority, Rabin should not go to Washington next month. Speaking at the engineers forum in Haifa on Friday he congratulated Rabin on his victory at the Labour Party convention and wished him success "as an opposition leader." His party had been rather miserly with its confidence in him, Ehrlich said.

"In the light of this, his trip to Washington looks undesirable. It will produce no benefit. On the face of it there could have been only one reason for it: to influence the American Government to approve the sale of the 25 Kfir planes to Ecuador which would buy its planes from France or the Soviet Union. But, after the last word on the subject by Secretary of State Vance, that reason has fallen away... Rabin will arrive in Washington without the necessary authority and cannot commit himself there to anything."

"It rather looks as if the trip is intended for internal consumption, for election purposes," said Ehrlich. "But there is such a thing as national self-respect. Rabin will render a service to the state by cancelling or postponing the visit."

Speaking on "the outlook for 1977" Ehrlich termed the package deal between the Government and the Histadrut "not a package, not a deal, but an empty box." For it was ridiculous to expect that either prices or wages could remain stable as long as the government was printing and pumping money into the economy and inflating the amount in circulation.

Mapam leader says Rabin's victory didn't please all

By SHAYA SHAPIRO, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Political speeches over the weekend showed mixed reactions from outside the Labour Party to Yitzhak Rabin's narrow victory in the contest for the party's candidate for prime minister, with reservations coming from both the left and the right.

Not all Mapam's leaders are happy with the choice of Rabin by a slim majority over Shimon Peres. Mapam's secretariat member Latif Dori told a meeting of top Arab Mapam members on Friday.

Dori, a left-winger who heads the party's Arab department, recalled that 40 per cent of the participants in the Mapam convention had asked specifically for the termination of the alignment with Labour. The narrowness of Rabin's victory indicated poor prospects for the continuation of the Alignment, he said.

But Health Minister Victor Shemtov, speaking to Mapam activists in the capital yesterday, reiterated party central committee secretary Elazar Granot's estimate that, with Mapam support taken into account, more than 60 per cent of the Alignment back Rabin for prime minister.

Mapam had never rejected Shimon Peres on a personal basis. Shemtov said, and the party has many friends in the Peres camp, whose social and political ideas are close to those of Mapam.

The Rabin victory and the voting down of Moshe Dayan's foreign policy proposals at the Labour convention led one NRP spokesman to conclude that "Labour is handcuffed to Mapam." He said the NRP would appeal to religious members of the Labour Party to withhold their votes, because of this "left orientation."

Moked spokesman Ran Cohen told supporters in Haifa at the weekend that Rabin's "dovishness" should not be taken for granted. Rabin was supported by "prominent hawks such as Golda Meir, and Yisrael Galili," Cohen argued, and his win showed the "ascendancy of the right."

'NY Times' urges strong bid for peace with Arabs

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — "The New York Times" has called upon Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to seek a strong mandate in the forthcoming Knesset election campaign to negotiate a peace settlement with the Arab states.

"Mr. Rabin will discover on his visit to the U.S. next month (that) he and his rivals will not be well regarded in official Washington if they fail to use the election to obtain a mandate for the most imaginative performance in the negotiations to come," the newspaper said in an editorial.

"The bargaining of 1977 must leave no doubt about Israel's exertions towards peace and no dark mutterings in Washington that political paralysis in Jerusalem is causing Israel intransigence," it added.



Doubts that Rabin eyes defence ministry

By HIRSH GOODMAN, Post Military Reporter

Reports that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is considering taking on the Defence portfolio in addition to the premiership if he forms the next government, have been met with scepticism by some defence experts.

A qualified defence source told The Jerusalem Post that such a move would be "ill-considered," because it would be virtually impossible for any one man to control efficiently and effectively both the defence and political establishments.

Ben-Gurion and Levi Eshkol held both portfolios the latter until a few days before the Six Day War when he handed the Defence Ministry over to Moshe Dayan, but it is impossible to compare either the size of the present day Israel Defence Forces or the scope of the overall activities of the Defence establishment with the

Ben-Gurion and Eshkol source said.

Since the Six Day War Rabin was Chief of Staff, he explained, the armed forces grew "by several hundred per cent," both in terms of equipment and manpower.

Furthermore, he said, defence of the army was needed this age of sophisticated weapons. "One must remember," he said, "that the enemy's capabilities have grown beyond recognition, and the confrontation states now the means to surprise Israel's tremendous array of defence assets." None of the views expressed was made to The Post by a member of the incumbent Defence Minister's staff.

Tel Hai anniversary this week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SEHMONA. — Ten days of events marking the 57th anniversary of the death of Yosef Trumpeldor and his comrades who fell defending Tel Hai were opened here yesterday by 3,500 members of the Hanar Haoved Velombed youth movement.

The youngsters, who paraded through the streets of this town, not far from the historic site, will be followed by some 15,000 members of all the other Zionist youth movements who will hold ceremonies at Tel Hai throughout the week.

The main ceremony will be Tuesday, the 13th of Adar, preceded by a sound-and-light show on Monday night, and a heroic last stand at Tel Hai.

Throughout the country, thousands will tell the story of Tel Hai to school pupils. The national museum in Tel Hai, which is part of the reconstructed farmstead, will be open to the public free of charge.

On Friday, some 60 Naar youngsters met in Metulla to greet and greet their comrades from the Lebanese border for the first time together and sing.

Israel puts on a game show at Nuremberg Toy Fair

By BRIAN ARTHUR, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NUREMBERG. — Israel made a strong showing at the 28th International Nuremberg Toy Fair which has just ended.

Fourteen exhibitors from the relatively youthful Israel toy industry displayed their newest educational games, puzzles, educational materials, musical instruments, and wooden and plastic toys.

Observers said that the Israeli products were "especially interesting" because under a free trade agreement with the European Common Market (EEC) they will be fully exempt from EEC import duties from next July 1 on.

Orders at the Nuremberg fair for Israeli toys for 1977 reportedly trebled over the previous year.

The Nuremberg toy show is a market for dealers who make their decisions on offer the European public. Britain was the biggest foreign exhibitor this year, with 112 stalls. Italy followed with 100 exhibitors and 21 came from Greece. An estimated 20,000 buyers from 70 countries visited the fair. Israel followed with 12 exhibitors and 21 came from Greece. An estimated 20,000 buyers from 70 countries visited the fair. Israel followed with 12 exhibitors and 21 came from Greece. An estimated 20,000 buyers from 70 countries visited the fair.

Tractor crushes child

ASHKELON. — A child was crushed to death at Moshav Sde David, in the Lachish region, on Thursday when she fell into the path of a tractor being driven by her uncle.

Three-and-a-half year-old Revital Adari was riding on the tractor when it jolted while travelling along a dirt road. Revital slipped off her seat and was crushed to death before her uncle, Yosef Adari, 28, managed to stop the tractor.

Wall falls, kills boy

TEL AVIV. — A boy was killed here yesterday afternoon when a wall collapsed on him. Eli Tetz, aged 11, was playing in a house in the process of demolition in Sderot Har Zion, when the wall fell on him.

Police are investigating the circumstances of the accident. (Ithm)

Stabbed by skewer

HAIFA. — A 72-year-old resident of Kiryat Ata was wounded on day when a neighbour stabbed in the stomach with a meat skewer.

David Ellashkov was at his hospital and his 50-year-old neighbour arrested for questioning. The two men have long been enemies. (Ithm)

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signed by the kibbutz manager of Kibbutz Ein Hamifrat, the kibbutz over IL4,000 dues past few months. The Acre police are investigating.

Eye on Olympics as youth get training

By PAUL KOEN, Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

of 7 and 14. Newsmen were told that an "Olympic unit" was being established.

Oren declared that "we believe our athletes in individual sports can reach the level of achievement of small population countries, such as Finland, Norway and Switzerland."

The commissioner reported that he was awaiting a government allocation of IL40m. for the 1977 fiscal year — which he described as "not enough" — but until that was final, he would not reveal his draft budget. The Sports Authority expected to spend IL1m. for training of gifted athletes and another IL500,000 for the absorption of new immigrant sportsmen and coaches.

The Sports Authority was already supporting 39 sports, Oren said, and any new sport that could produce an acceptable plan of activity could obtain financial assistance.

Oren was critical of the percentage of Hapoel's IL12m. which went to administration, which he said Hapoel leaves too little for actual sports.

He called for decentralised greater autonomy for each. The activities at the club level not at the administrative level were the backbone of sport in the country, Oren said.

Nevertheless, Hapoel expected allocation of IL4m. with Oren, like Maecali and featured prominently in authority's expenditure allocations. Asked if any change in allocations could be made, Oren answered that he was currently studying the money was being spent on ground. The results could lead change of policy, he stated.

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Shimon Peres (left) leaves the Supreme Court on Friday, after being informed that he could elect to substitute one single ILM bank guarantee for the variety of liens and other guarantees currently composing his ILM bail. Flatto is suspected of fraud and attempted bribery in France. The French extradition request is being studied by the Attorney-General's office. (Rahamim Tliss)

Agency's problem is the budget

By JUDY KEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Agency's Board of Governors will meet this week to discuss the budget for the coming year. The board is expected to approve a budget of \$1.2 million, a 10 percent increase over last year's \$1.1 million. The board is also expected to approve a new salary scale for the agency's staff, which will range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per year. The board is also expected to approve a new policy on the agency's relationship with the government, which will state that the agency is an independent organization and is not to be controlled by the government.

Director Rechter back in business

By MARK REGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Director Rechter, who was suspended from his post in December, 1975 under a cloud of financial scandal, is now back in business. He has been appointed as the director of the Israel Tax Authority, a position of great responsibility. Rechter is expected to start work in the coming week. His appointment has been welcomed by many in the business community, who believe that his experience and leadership will be a great asset to the authority.

Exports go through Ashdod; Haifa men won't punch clock

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Citrus Marketing Board has been forced to re-route most of its exports through Ashdod harbour, due to sanctions by the 17 employees of its Haifa port dispatch office. The CMB export manager, Ami Tzur, told The Jerusalem Post that, while the Board usually ships one half of the weekly total of 2.5 million cases via each of the two ports, the sanctions have forced it to re-route most of the fruit to Ashdod. The latter port is now handling 1.7 million cases a week, with Haifa having to make do with the remainder.

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Rubber raft from lost Greek ship being studied

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Greek Consul Eli Zinovios on Friday sent to the Marine Ministry in Athens details of the life raft in which the seven-man crew of a Greek freighter were rescued by an Israeli navy missile boat a fortnight ago. The description was requested for the investigation of suspicions that fraud may have been involved in the sinking of the 40-year-old, 500-ton freighter, which was carrying a cargo worth millions of pounds. The investigations were started last week by Interpol, apparently at the instigation of the insurers and owners of the cargo. Zinovios told The Jerusalem Post he had forwarded precise details of the Japanese-made inflatable rubber raft, its serial numbers and date of manufacture. This should enable investigators to establish whether the raft had belonged to the Ays Nikolaus, or whether the crew was given it by another ship. The cargo being carried from Cyprus to Egypt and Yemen included millions of British cigarettes, 20 concrete mixers and some 200 tons of general cargo. The value of the cargo was far in excess of the value of the ship itself, and one possibility being investigated is that the men may have handed over the cargo to another ship, and then let their own, virtually worthless ship, sink. The presence of a modern, \$3,000 inflatable raft on their old ship was one of the elements that apparently aroused suspicion.

Bukovsky tells AFL-CIO US business in Russia could harm the people

MIAMI BEACH. — Soviet dissident Vladimir K. Bukovsky, meeting on Friday with U.S. labour leaders, urged the unions to question U.S. corporate investment in the Soviet Union to ensure that profit is not made at the expense of human rights. Bukovsky said capital investment "calculated on the exploitation of cheap labour" in Russia harms the interest of workers both in the Soviet Union and western countries. At a meeting of the AFL-CIO executive council, the exiled Russian also praised President Carter's stand on human rights. Bukovsky is scheduled to meet with Carter next week. AFL-CIO President George Meany told the press later that he was "delighted" with Carter's stand. He promised the strong support of organized labour. Meany, a hard-line anti-Communist, said there is no reason the U.S. cannot do business with the Soviets without abandoning its values on human freedom. "The idea that we might improve (the Russian people's) conditions by being nice... is completely ridiculous," Meany said. "It's like saying that you can improve the conditions of the inmates of a jail by drinking champagne with the jailers."

Ginzburg could get 10 years for 'anti-Soviet activities'

MOSCOW. — Soviet authorities have charged dissident Alexander Ginzburg with anti-Soviet activities and ordered him to serve a sentence of up to 10 years in a prison camp, a fellow dissident said yesterday. The charge came to light in an order permitting authorities to search Ginzburg's apartment in Tarnus, outside Moscow, Anatoly Shecharansky said. Shecharansky, like Ginzburg a founding member of a group formed to monitor Soviet compliance with the Helsinki accords, said the search was carried out on Friday and Saturday night. Ginzburg was arrested on February 3 on unspecified charges. An underground poet, he has managed a fund established by exiled Soviet writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn to aid families of political prisoners in the Soviet Union. The search warrant cited article 70, part II of the penal code, which provides the most severe penalty for activities against the interests of the state — up to 10 years in a labour camp under the strictest conditions. Shecharansky also said that Dr. Mikhail Shtern, a Jewish doctor sentenced to eight years in a prison camp after his two sons applied to emigrate to Israel, has been placed in a punishment cell. "This is very dangerous because of his health and age," Shecharansky said. Shtern, who practised in the Ukraine, is 58 and said to suffer from heart and spine disorders. Shecharansky said Shtern was being disciplined for sending a letter with information about conditions in his prison camp. The doctor's wife, Ida, who has moved to Kharkov to be near the camp, has begun a hunger strike to protest against the move, Shecharansky said. Shtern was convicted in 1974 of "swindling" and "drug peddling." (UPI)

Menten to get new lawyer

THE HAGUE. — The wife of Dutch war crimes suspect Pieter Menten said yesterday that her husband had sacked his lawyer for talking to the press, but the lawyer said later he had withdrawn voluntarily because of "irreconcilable differences." Menten, 78, is being detained in a prison hospital near here on suspicion of ordering killings in Nazi-occupied Poland and the Ukraine in World War II. He has denied the allegations. The wealthy art collector's wife, Metta, said her husband decided three days ago to replace Utrecht lawyer Bernard Simon for giving interviews to Dutch magazines. "That I call giving comfort to the enemy," Mrs. Menten told the Dutch news agency, ANP. Mrs. Menten would not say who would now defend her husband, who is expected to go on trial in May or June. But a lawyer from The Hague, L. van Heyningen, said he had been asked to take Simon's place. Simon said last night that he had withdrawn of his own choice because of "irreconcilable differences over how to conduct the defence." He said he had not been told by Menten or by his wife that he had been replaced. Simon said last week Menten had not consulted him before sending a letter to the Amsterdam District Court demanding his release on the grounds that he was not a Dutch citizen. Menten said in his letter that he had renounced his Dutch citizenship in 1937 and had become a Pole. Officials said yesterday that a judge would visit Menten in hospital at Scheveningen tomorrow to rule on his application. (Reuters)

New USIS library

TEL AVIV. — The new multimedia library of the U.S. Information Service was inaugurated last week. The collection in the library consists of books, documents, periodicals, films, video and audio cassettes, slides, microfilms and microfiches. Thomas Dunnigan, U.S. Embassy Charge d'Affaires, said maintaining this library will help to increase the information flow between the two countries, thus increasing understanding. ALL TEACHERS should be inoculated against influenza at the start of every school year, according to a proposal submitted to the Education Ministry by the director-general of the Health Ministry, Professor Ya'acov Menezel. Menezel said flu is the reason for most school days lost by teachers' absenteeism, and that spending their working hours with children they are more prone to the disease than most adults.

Bribe suspect freed on bail

TEL AVIV. — A senior Housing Ministry official was released on \$15,000 bail on Thursday by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court after he was held by police on suspicion of taking thousands of pounds in bribes from contractors. Yosef Roslansky, Negev District engineer of the ministry's rural building and new settlements administration, denies having taken any bribes. (Him)

A PHOTOGRAPH OF U.S. President Jimmy Carter has been added to the gallery of American presidents at the SOA House in Tel Aviv. The photo was unveiled by U.S. Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Thomas J. Dunnigan.

U.S. reveals defects in F15 weapons

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown said on Thursday there are defects in the air-to-air weapons system used on the F15 interceptor and it will take at least five years to get a better system. Brown appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee to defend President Jimmy Carter's military budget, which cuts \$2.8 billion, including \$28.3 million for the F15 programme, from the budget submitted by the Ford Administration. Brown said the F15 itself has turned out to be "a very successful aircraft, particularly in meeting performance requirements for a high quality air-to-air fighter." But he said the weapons system to go with it had unspecified "deficiencies." He said he would be willing to give the committee details of the problems only in a closed session. Asked by Senator John Tower if the Air Force had a research and development programme to correct the difficulty, Brown said the system had been "improved but has not met the original performance specifications and will not for five years or so." The Secretary said after the meeting he meant it would take five years "to get a better system," not to fix the trouble in the existing one. Brown told the committee the Soviet Union was improving the range and capability of its fighter-bombers and had developed some capabilities which "the F15 might not be able to handle as well as we would like." (AP)

Bumper year forecast for sea tourists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The cruise ship tourism season will open this week, and the indications are that it will be a bumper one. The director of the port's passenger terminal, Yitzhak Walshel, told The Jerusalem Post that 175 passenger ships, 124 of them cruise ships and 51 liners, have already been registered for calls this year. He expects an increase in this figure. Walshel expects the number of passengers to increase by at least 30 percent over last year's 104,000. He noted that most of the cruise ships registered are larger, carrying at least 1,000 tourists each. They include Italian, Greek, British, French, German and Yugoslav vessels. A number of the ships will also call at Ashdod to provide tourists with closer access to Masada. One ship, which is bringing Jewish tourists from Miami, will stay throughout Passover, and other ships will stay from one to seven days each. The port management this week will award the tender for the ILM, new passenger terminal, which is to be completed next year; meanwhile, a small sum will be spent to recondition the existing terminal.

Deputy succeeds head of Unrwa

UNITED NATIONS. — Sir John Renle is retiring after six years as commissioner-general of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (Unrwa). He will be succeeded by his deputy, Thomas McElhinney, the UN announced on Friday. McElhinney, 57, is a former U.S. foreign service officer. He was born in West Virginia, graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1941, and studied at Cornell and Harvard universities. He was appointed ambassador to Ghana in 1968 and became inspector-general of the U.S. foreign service in 1971. (Reuters)

Gandhi foe in hospital

NEW DELHI. — Indian opposition leader Jayaprakash Narayan was reported in satisfactory condition after surgery in Bombay yesterday in connection with complications from a kidney ailment. The 74-year-old Narayan developed a permanent kidney ailment during five months in solitary confinement following Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's declaration of a national emergency on June 26, 1975. His current kidney complication comes as he is helping lead a growing opposition movement to end Mrs. Gandhi's 11-year reign. (AP)

Stabbed

HAIFA. — A 33-year-old father of two, Yehuda Barda, was stabbed to death early Friday morning in the central bus station, reportedly by a Palestinian. The victim was found lying on the ground, with a fatal wound to the chest. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the Poriya Hospital.

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More clashes in South West Africa, Rhodesia

PRETORIA. — Twelve black nationalist guerrillas were killed and three members of South Africa's security forces were wounded in a clash in the Caprivi Strip, near the Zambia-Angola border, the government said on Friday.

Brig. D. J. Harp, director of operations of the South African Air Force, said guerrillas of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) attacked a temporary patrol base about 12 kms. from the border on Tuesday.

In the ensuing battle, 12 guerrillas were killed, he said. The three wounded soldiers were reported hospitalized in Pretoria.

The Caprivi Strip, a part of South West Africa, is a long finger-like projection surrounded by Angola to

the north, Zambia to the north and east, and Botswana to the south.

The area has been the scene of fighting between SWAPO guerrillas, who want to rule in an independent South West Africa, and security forces of South Africa, which presently controls the territory.

Last week, in Zambia, Swapo President Sam Nujoma said his guerrillas had killed 25 South African soldiers in the Caprivi Strip on February 2. A high-ranking South African called the claim "absolutely absurd."

Harp also issued a communique stating that apart from some minor incidents, the border between Angola and Owambo, the northern part of South West Africa, had been relatively quiet. In the past, black

nationalist guerrillas have made frequent incursions into the area.

Meanwhile, Rhodesia's guerrilla war has claimed another eight lives in the past 24 hours, an official communique said yesterday.

Among those killed was a white soldier and two black nationalist guerrillas, it said.

This brings guerrilla deaths in the four-year war to 2,553 and Rhodesian forces losses to 227.

Two white farmsteads were attacked by terrorists, one 96 km. north of Salisbury and the other near the eastern border with Mozambique, the communique said. In one of the attacks, an African farm guard was killed, it said.

A black male civilian has also been killed by insurgents, the com-

munique said.

In another development, Rhodesian Bishop Donald Lamont, who last week was sentenced to a 10-year term for failing to report guerrilla activities, was given a stay of sentence yesterday.

A presidential order issued yesterday confined the 65-year-old bishop to a hospital, where he is being treated for injuries sustained in an auto accident some months ago.

Earlier, Law and Order Minister Hilary Squires had told parliament that if the bishop went to jail, "he might pose as a martyr." Lamont may also be stripped of his citizenship, which observers say may be a move leading to his deportation.

(AP, UPI, Reuters)

Low turnout in Algerian elections

ALGIERS. — Voter turnout fell below expectation on Friday in Algeria's first nationwide legislative elections in 15 years. The turnout ranged from 27 to 75 per cent, with the larger cities producing the lowest response.

With the voters' choice limited to a slate of handpicked official nominees, government spokesmen conceded that they had hoped for a more massive early turnout in response to vigorous calls by the state-run press and radio for an "impressive display of civic responsibility."

The official Algerian News Agency reported that at 3 p.m., five hours before the polls were due to close, 27.52 per cent of registered voters had cast their ballots in Algiers. In Oran, the nation's second largest city, the turnout by 3 p.m. was 22.09 per cent, the report said. In Saharan districts, where voting began on Wednesday, the turnout varied between 75 and 85 per cent.

The seven million registered voters were given a choice among three candidates for each of the 261 assembly seats. As all the 783 candidates were nominated by the ruling National Liberation Front, the results disclosed no political tendencies. The high abstention, however, was seen by observers as a blow to President Houari Boumedienne who took over power 21 years ago after toppling Ahmed Ben Bella. (AP)

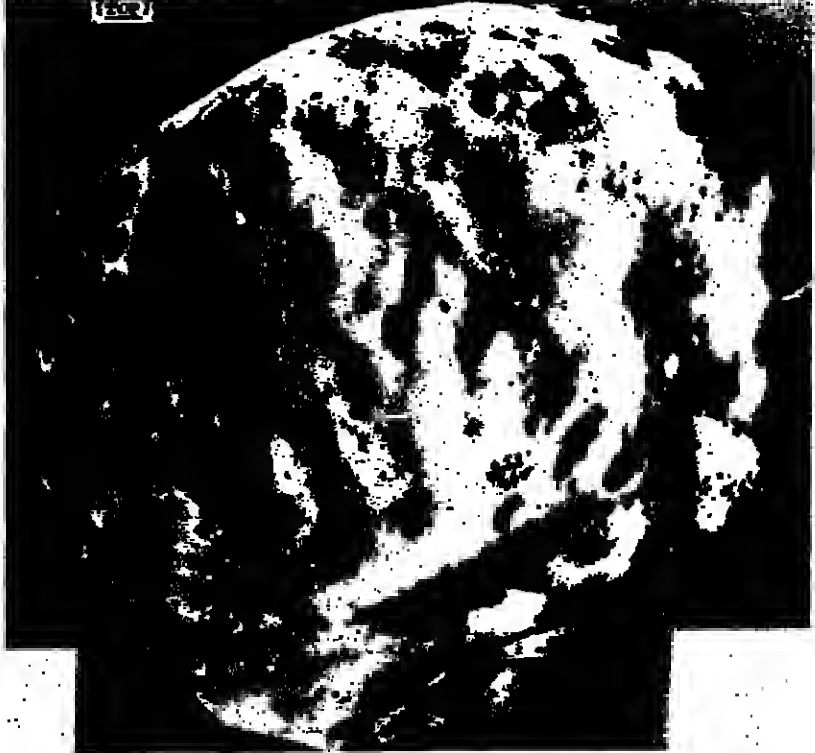
OAU blames Morocco for Benin 'invasion'

LOME, Togo. — The ministerial meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) decided on Friday to call an emergency summit meeting of African leaders to discuss last month's abortive invasion of the West African state of Benin.

In Rabat, Morocco announced it was suspending all participation in the OAU in protest over reports circulating at the Lome meeting accusing Morocco and Gabon of involvement in the mercenary invasion.

Benin authorities have said its airport and a number of buildings in Cotonou, its economic capital, were attacked on January 16 by mercenaries who arrived and departed aboard a DC-7 aircraft. Several Benin soldiers and civilians were said to have been killed in the three-hour attack.

OAU ministers on Friday listened to a tape-recorded confession by a man identified by conference sources as a mercenary captured in Benin who said he was a Guinean national. (Reuters)



Photomosaic of Mars' inner satellite, Phobos, as seen on February 18 by Viking Orbiter I from 500 km. away. The section of the ragged moonlet is about 20 km. across. (AP radiophoto)

Ragged Mars moon puzzles astronomers

DENVER, Colorado. — New close-up photographs of Phobos, one of Mars' two mysterious tiny moons, suggest that it and its sister Deimos are captured objects, and not chunks of material which spun off the Red Planet.

Colour studies of the Phobos pictures indicate the little moon is made of a material known as carbonaceous chondrite, the stuff of asteroids. Phobos and Deimos seem slightly different and may have been captured by Mars' gravity at different times.

The composite of three pictures released by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shows Phobos to have a thick layer of rubble and to be marked by grooves, cracks and craters.

"We're seeing things that were not expected," Joseph Veverka, assistant professor of astronomy at Cornell University, said on Wednesday when the composite was first shown at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. (AP)

FBI probes Arab students' link to PLO in swindle

SACRAMENTO, California. — The FBI is checking reports that money bilked from U.S. insurance companies in phony accidents, fires and auto thefts is being funneled to the Palestinian Liberation Organization by Arab students, officials said on Friday.

A strong denial of any connection has been issued in New York by Hasan Abdel Rahman, deputy permanent observer of the PLO at the United Nations.

He said the PLO "completely rejects those allegations which are aimed at slandering the PLO... and categorically denies any connection whatsoever with such alleged frauds and those who may have committed them."

Two weeks ago, the California Highway Patrol announced that "180 persons of Middle Eastern heritage" were involved in a ring of insurance fraud around the country that has bilked companies out of millions of dollars.

At least two persons have been

But he said there was no evidence that the money, which he estimates in the millions of dollars, has gone to any group such as the PLO.

Richard White, FBI special agent in charge of the Sacramento region, refused comment on the case.

Arrested in the case, Lt. Glenn Sewell, heading the investigation for the Highway Patrol, said more arrests were expected this week.

He said reports that money was funneled to the PLO stemmed from comments made by an insurance company. "They have information that money is leaving the country. The FBI is working on it," Sewell said in an interview.

Meanwhile, in Westport, a prosecution institute reports that its agents have been investigating fraudulent claims since 1971 and "recent press reports of a nationwide insurance fraud ring composed of Arab nationals and others appear to be well-founded." (AP)

Austerity as Portugal devalues

LISBON. — Portuguese tightened their belts yesterday after the announcement of a 15 per cent devaluation of the escudo and the most wide-ranging package of economic measures since the 1974 military coup which ended nearly half a cen-

tury of right-wing dictatorship.

The package also included a price freeze on basic foods, and extension of a 60 per cent surcharge on non-essential imports and an increase in the bank rate from six and a half to eight per cent. (Reuters)

20 California murders linked to fraud reports

LOS ANGELES. — As many as 20 persons may have been murdered in an attempt to cover up fraud in the dispersal of U.S. government funds to California community projects, police said on Thursday.

"There have been a number of murders... as many as 20... that seem to have this as a common thread," said the head of the Los Angeles police investigation squad.

The squad is working with Sacramento police on the execution-style murder of Ellen Anne Delia, whose body was found a week ago about 15 km. from the Sacramento airport.

Mrs. Delia's husband said she had "down to Sacramento" to report on alleged fraud and irregularities in the handling of government money grants to community projects.

Investigative sources said several persons who helped prepare applications for government funds for such projects.

Police said Mrs. Delia's slaying was the second murder in a month linked to East Los Angeles community projects. Robert Lewis, a friend of the Delias and an aide to State Senator Alex Garcia, was found shot to death in Los Angeles last month.

The deaths of Lewis and Mrs. Delia were the only two of the 20 so possible murders mentioned by the police. Names or details of the other slayings were not given. (AP)

IN BRIEF

Gromyko rumoured ill

MOSCOW. — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has not been seen in public for more than five weeks, giving rise to speculation in the diplomatic community that he is ill.

The Paris newspaper "Le Monde," quoting Soviet and Western sources, said Gromyko has been hospitalized following a cardiac incident.

Gromyko, 67, marked his 20th year as Foreign Minister on February 15. He has not been seen in public since January 19, when he greeted Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev on the latter's return from the Russian city of Tula. (AP)

Ethiopian official slain

ADDIS ABABA. — Gumen burst into the offices of Ethiopia's trade union federation on Friday and shot dead the organization's chief officer, a union statement said.

It was one of the most daring attacks by opponents of the government, who have selected targets from among officials working with Ethiopia's military rulers.

The pro-government All-Ethiopia Trade Union blamed the killing of its chairman, Ato Tewodros Bekele, on "paid reactionary agents." (Reuters)

Cairo has its first daylight payroll stickup

CAIRO. — Three gunmen shot at three officials of a construction firm yesterday and made off with a \$25,000 payroll, police sources said.

The mid-day incident, the first of its kind in Egypt, occurred in Shoubra, a densely crowded working-class district in Cairo.

The three construction-firm officials told police they were attacked as they carried a bank. They said the gunmen shot at them from a passing car.

One of the officials was wounded, police sources said. (AP)

Hess cuts his wrists

MUNICH. — Rudolf Hess, Adolf Hitler's deputy, cut his wrists with a knife in an abortive suicide attempt on Tuesday, the 62-year-old Nazi's son said here yesterday.

The son, engineer Wolf-Rüdiger Hess, said prison guards prevented Hess's suicide attempt "in the last moment."

Rudolf Hess, who was taken prisoner when he parachuted into Britain in an attempt to get London to negotiate with Hitler, is serving a life term in West Berlin's four-power Spandau war-crimes prison. (UPI)

CASINOS. — The Spanish government is to legalize gambling casinos after a ban which has lasted more than 60 years. The decision, taken Friday night, is expected to give a big boost to tourism and to bring in millions of dollars from casinos to be built in Madrid and in the main tourist areas such as the Costa Brava and Torremolinos.

Israel Embassy's London staff may be changed

LONDON. — Almost the entire diplomatic staff at the Israeli Embassy here is due to be replaced in the course of the next few months, it was learned here.

The departure next month of Ambassador Gideon Rafael will be followed in the course of the year by the replacement of seven of the remaining nine diplomats.

Ephraim Evron, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, will replace Rafael in April, and Yoav Biran in place of Zvi Kedat, who has been appointed Ambassador to Japan. (JTA)

Not the whole truth in report on U.S. Cabinet wealth

WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter, who has promised to disclose the financial affairs of top U.S. government appointees, made public on Friday net worth statements of 15 cabinet-level officials that seemed to conceal almost as much as they revealed.

The accountings of the assets and liabilities of the 11 Cabinet members and four cabinet-level advisers omitted precise figures in almost all cases. In their place were letter symbols covering broad ranges of dollar amounts.

For example, a letter "E" meant that an individual reported at least \$100,000 of income, assets or stockholdings. Thus there was no way to single out the millionaires in the Cabinet.

White House press secretary Jody Powell defended the code system by saying that "revelations of exact amounts tend to place families in jeopardy," presumably from kidnappers. Powell also contended such

codes have been found acceptable to some congressional committees and bar associations.

Of the 15 jobholders whose financial affairs were partially disclosed only Andrew Young, the new ambassador to the UN, was free of any potential conflict of interest. The other 14 had to take various steps, ranging from divestiture of stocks to leasing a car for a fixed fee or placing holdings blind trust to meet Carter's publicized ethics guidelines.

Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal, generally regarded as one of the wealthier Cabinet members, showed sizeable stockholdings plus interests in oil and gas drilling ventures. A cabinet-level investor in oil and gas drilling and real estate ventures often used as tax shelters, including Defense Secretary Harold Brown and Joseph Califano, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Soviet spacemen land safely

MOSCOW. — Two Soviet cosmonauts returned safely to Earth on Friday after 19 days in space during which they carried out photography and scientific observations aboard the Salyut-5 space station, Moscow Radio said.

The announcement said cosmonauts Yuri Gagarin and Viktor Gorbatko were in good condition after a soft landing 35 kilometres northeast of the town of Arkalyk in northern Kazakhstan.

"The planned programme of research on orbital station Salyut-5 has been successfully fulfilled," the radio said. "The results of the scientific investigations received during the work in near-Earth orbit will be used in the interests of the economy, science and technology and in the creation of new equipment."

The touchdown came nearly days after the first announcement that the cosmonauts were preparing to come back to Earth, a delay that was unusual before landing.

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Cyprus solution is seen possible

LARNACA, CYPRUS. — U.S. presidential envoy Clark Clifford left Cyprus for London yesterday, renewing his prediction that the problem of this war-divided island may be settled in 1977.

His visit to Cyprus ended a fact-finding tour that also included Greece and Turkey.

He was sent by U.S. President Carter to weigh chances of a Cyprus settlement and improvement in strained relations between the U.S. and Greece and Turkey. Greek-Turkish differences over Cyprus and

the Aegean Sea have neutralized effectiveness of NATO's southern flank.

"There is an excellent chance to conclude an arrangement of Cyprus problem in 1977," Clifford airport newsmen in a department statement.

In Ankara, however, Turkish Deputy-Premier Necmettin Erbakan held out less hope for a settlement. Any concessions Turkey in Cyprus are out of the question, he declared on Friday.

WALL STREET WEEK

Concern over inflation

NEW YORK. — Moves in Congress toward increased government spending and an inflation warning from Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns set the tone for a declining, sluggish stock market last week.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks slipped 6.81 to 933.43, wiping out most of the 8.72-point advance it posted in a technical rally the previous week.

Standard and Poor's 500-stock composite index dropped 1.08 to 99.48 last week, slipping below the 100 level for the first time since early November of last year.

The New York Stock Exchange's composite index dropped 1.01 to 54.09, common stocks were down .39 at 54.09.

Big board volume, dwindling

steadily in recent weeks, averaged 18.33 million shares a day for the slowest pace since last November 12.

Given Wall Street's trading conservative economic viewpoint was hardly surprising to see responding negatively as proposed came up in Congress to add spending measures to President Carter's economic stimulus proposals.

Burns addressed the subject directly in an appearance before joint congressional committees Wednesday. He said the proposed expanded federal budget deficit raised inflation fears and depressed confidence among business executives.

THIS WEEK at the TEL-AVIV MUSEUM

EXHIBITIONS

TEL AVIV MUSEUM, 27 Sderot Shaul Hamalech
A tribute to Sam Zacks — 20th Century Artists from the collection of Sam and Ayala Zacks, Zacks Hall
Guided tour of the exhibition, Tuesday, March 1, 7.30 p.m.
Drawings from the Museum Collection, Graphics Hall
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LECTURE

The lecture in the series Israel Architecture, 1930s till today, scheduled for February 28, has been postponed due to the illness of a lecturer.

CONCERTS

Sunday, February 27, 8.30 p.m.
In cooperation with the French Embassy
DESLOGIERES TRIO
Contemporary Music, and Metaforms by E.B. Weill
Tuesday, March 1, 8.30 p.m.
Concert by the Israel Wind Quintet
Uri Shekman, flute; Eliahu Turner, oboe; Richard Leiser, clarinet; Meir Rimon, horn; Mordechai Rechtman, bassoon.
With Pina Sakmann, piano.
Programme: Sonata for Horn and Piano, op. 17; Quartet in E Flat Major, op. 71 (arranged for six instruments); "Organ Clock" Suite, Quartet in E Flat Major, op. 16.
Thursday, March 3, 8.30 p.m.
Gala Concert in Support of the Israel Cancer Association
"Haydn at the Esterhazy Court"
Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra. Haydn: Noam Sheritz; Prince Esterhazy: Gideon Singer; Readings: Michael Obed
Programme: Symphony No. 78; Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra (soloist — Galen Fischthal); Divertimento for Woodwind; Symphony No. 45 (Farewell).
Thursday, March 3, 4.30 p.m. and Friday, March 4 (Friday) 10.00 a.m. Two Concerts for Youth — excerpts from "Haydn at the Esterhazy Court"
Sunday, March 5, 8.30 p.m.
Piano Recital by Gavriel Chodas
Programme: Schubert — 8 Ländler, op. 171; 8 Ländler (poth); Barokki — Eke; Schubert — Sonata in E Flat Major; Schumann — Sonata No. 3, op. 58
VISITING HOURS: Sun, Mon, Wed, Thur, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-4 p.m.); Tue, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-10 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-7 p.m.); Fri, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m.); Sat, night, 7-11 p.m.
The Museum Building, Sderot Shaul Hamalech, will be open on Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., entrance free.

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Sex, drugs blamed for Ali's failure to get Arab money

CHICAGO. — World heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali failed in several fund-raising tours to the Arab world on behalf of the Black Muslims religious sect because of drunken and sexual debauchery by members of his entourage, according to a complaint filed on Friday in federal court here.

Constantine Knagles, the attorney who filed the suit on behalf of a foreign fund-raising corporation, would not say whether Ali himself acted in the manner described by the suit.

"We're not saying he did, we're not saying he didn't," said Knagles. "We're saying he knew about it."

The complaint asks for \$5m. in damages for Garland M. Taylor of Chicago, and his firm, the American Arabian Investment Co.

Named as respondents in the complaint are "the Nation of Islam"

Muhammad Temple No. 2 of the Holy Temple of Islam, and Wallace Muhammad as chief or supreme minister and individually.

The Nation of Islam was formerly referred to as the Black Muslims religious sect.

The suit contends that Taylor signed two contracts with the Nation of Islam, which agreed to pay him 10 per cent of all gifts or grants and two per cent of all loans he solicited.

During 1975, Taylor claimed that he obtained promises of \$50m. for the Nation of Islam from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait.

The suit said Taylor was hired "after a great deal of adverse opinion had been formed against the Nation."

"This arose through the behaviour of the large group of followers" travelling with Ali, the suit said.

"It was reported to the company

that this large entourage of Muhammad Ali had engaged in the use of narcotics, the taking of alcoholic liquors and consorting and carousing with women other than their wives," the suit said.

"In the Arab world these acts are to a believer in the Moslem religion, most serious violations of all of the religious teachings and they make a person unworthy to be known as a Moslem or a follower of their faith."

It went on: "Equally important, any such actions constitute serious violations of the laws and criminal statutes of all the various Arab states. The taking and transporting of dope, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, or other such narcotic agents in the Arab world is summarily punished as a criminal offense of the highest priority."

Attorneys for the Nation of Islam or Ali were not available for comment. (AP)

Hillside Meeting

The Gush Emunim meeting at the Antipatris Fort near Rosh Ha'ayin, advertised in The Jerusalem Post of February 25, will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Yod-Alph Adar (March 1).

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EXHIBIT OF THE MONTH
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MOTTI SHMITT, VIOLIN AND SHOSHANA RUDINOW, PIANO (Tel Aviv Museum, Feb. 22). Messiaen: Theme and Variations; Schubert: Sonata No. 3 in A minor; Mozart: Variations, K. 595; Brahms: Sonata No. 2 in A Major; Szymanowski: "La Fontaine d'Arcturion"; Paganini: "Moses" Variations.

SINCE we last heard Motti Shmitt a year ago, he seems to have broadened his musical outlook considerably. His latest recital was, undoubtedly, an achievement, but it also showed the limits of his art.

Shmitt attacks the music with audacity and there can be no question about the naturalness and sincerity of his approach. He plays with confidence, enthusiasm and vigour.

With the exception of the two Paganini items, the "Moses" variations, which are unworthy of inclusion in a serious concert and were badly played and the added Capriccio, which was also rather questionable, the other items showed sound and reliable violin playing.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Delicious Greek feast

THE ISRAELI CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, conducted by Gidon Kremer, soprano (Tel Aviv, Beit Hahayal, Feb. 21). Mahler: "Blumine"; — Symphonie Movement; Daliapicola: "Grecque Lirique"; Barok: Music for Strings, Percussion and Cello.

THE UNFAMILIAR programme may have deterred many of the Ensemble's subscribers, but those who stayed away missed at least one most unusual experience: the Daliapicola songs.

Delicately sensual and at the same time highly intellectual, "Grecque Lirique" (with texts by Sappho, Alcaeus and Anacreon) do not appeal to everybody's taste, but for the connoisseur they make a delicious feast. Daliapicola uses the cerebral 12 tone-technique but in fact his songs are impressionistic, sparsely sketched colour plates, which evoke delicate images of the Eastern Mediterranean, its colours and its shapes. Conductor

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Rumor acquittal angers Italian socialists

ROME. — Angry Italian Socialists yesterday occupied the party's Rome headquarters in protest against the decision of Socialist leaders to vote against putting former premier Mariano Rumor on trial in the Lockheed bribery scandal. Dozens of protesters declared a permanent assembly in a conference room and said they had received messages of support from all over the country.

Parliament will vote next week on an investigating committee's recommendation that two former defence ministers be tried on charges of accepting bribes from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

The same committee, however, recommended that no action be taken against Rumor. But the powerful Italian Communist Party said last Thursday that it would vote for proceedings against the former Christian Democrat leader as well.

The two former ministers recommended for trial are Christian Democrat Luigi Gui and Social Democrat Mario Tanassi — for allegedly taking more than \$100,000 to facilitate sale of Lockheed Hercules aircraft to the government.

The recommendation of no action against Rumor was made only thanks to the committee chairman's casting vote. (Reuters)

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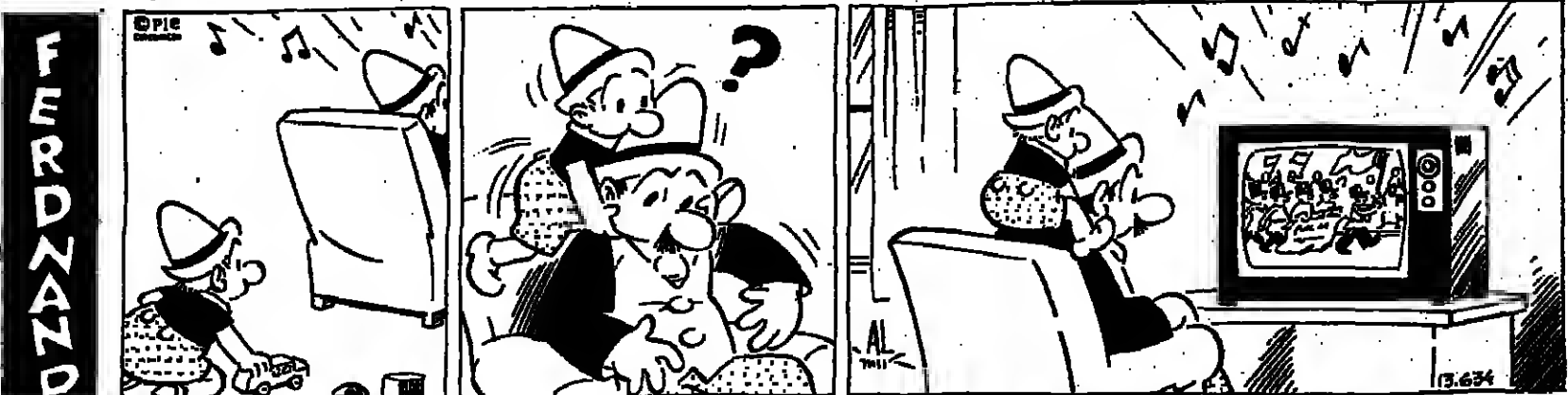
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16.40 News on a new book

17.10 Arabic for beginners

17.20 (Stereo): Frank Pellegrini — Bach: Goldberg Variations; Beethoven: Piano Sonata No. 10 in G Major, Op. 49

17.30 (Stereo): Thelma Houston: Over the Top; Verdi: Aida from Macbeth; Glazunov: Spring; Dvorak: Slavonic Rhapsody, Op. 45; Delius: In a Summer Garden; Jethro Tull: Voice of Spring

17.40 Middle East Crossroads — political commentary

17.50 (Stereo): The First Romantic — Profile of composer Carl Maria Von Weber: Der Freischutz

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE

DUTY HOSPITALS

Labour still shaky

NOW THAT the excitement of last week's Labour Party vote on the party leadership has begun to settle, it is becoming apparent that little has changed. The contending forces, which have divided the party on major issues and personalities since its formation as a merger of disparate groups close to nine years ago, continue unabated, albeit along somewhat different lines.

This is not an atypical situation for large ruling parties in the modern democratic world. In fact a condition of internal dissension within an uneasy framework of unity typified Labour's precursor, Mapai, for most of its existence. The dominance of the factors working for unity over those militating towards fragmentation were often ensured by strong leaders at the centre. Ben-Gurion provided such leadership for Mapai between 1944 and 1961; Golda Meir fulfilled a similar function between 1969 and 1973.

The Labour Party's current state of affairs, highlighted anew by the close to 50:50 vote on Wednesday night, stems from the failure of the attempt by Mrs. Meir and the late Pinhas Sapir to pass on this mantle of unifying leadership conclusively to Mr. Rabin. One result of the vote will be perpetuation for the remaining months of this government's incumbency of one of its major ills: contention within the Cabinet. It is this which has undermined consolidation of the Prime Minister's centralizing authority.

And yet, there are no signs of any incipient split in the party following Wednesday's vote. Mr. Rabin's slim majority will be expanded today in the larger framework of the Labour Alignment by the expected decision of Mapam to remain in the Alignment. Moreover, the very proximity of the general elections can be expected to promote the normal locking of arms in the interest of a common Labour victory.

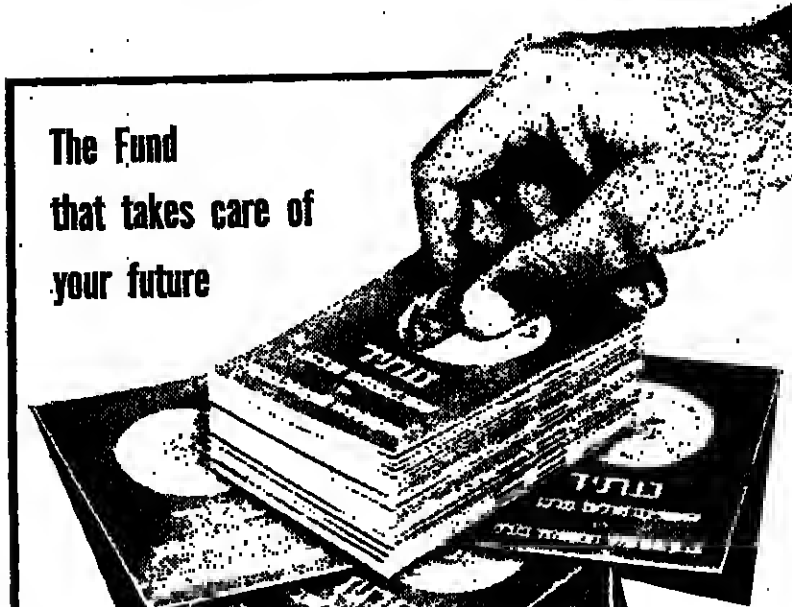
Besides the major challenge of the elections, Labour will now be faced with two other internal challenges. Following its post-election night loss, the Peres "organization" has by now recovered sufficiently to decide not to disband. The close margin of the vote has encouraged its leaders to stick together to ensure their power in the newly constituted Central Committee which will choose the party's Knesset list. A major test of Mr. Rabin's leadership will thus be the way he handles the demand of the Peres camp for a 50 per cent representation in the "safe" part of the party's Knesset list. How this challenge will be handled will determine, to no small extent, the morale and effectiveness of the party as it enters into the decisive final stage of the election campaign.

The second challenge will come after the elections. Judging by the admittedly far from exact early public opinion polls it would seem that Labour will be confronted by a choice of forming a coalition with the Democratic Movement for Change, the Likud, or both. What differentiates these two groups from Labour's traditional coalition partners — the N.R.P. and the Independent Liberals — is their claim to the central role of forming a government as an alternative to Labour.

It is very likely that such potential coalition partners will demand one or two of the major portfolios — Defence, Foreign Affairs and Finance — whose possession have always served as the cornerstones of the Labour Party's power and may even seek to determine Labour's choice for Prime Minister as a matter of coalition bargaining.

The strains which will be brought to bear on the unity of the Alignment and of the Labour Party itself in such an eventuality give rise to the unsettling suspicion that the May 17 elections will not of themselves bring an end to a long period of political uncertainty.

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PARTY FINANCING has led to a witches' sabbath with Asher Yadin cast as Beelzebub. None of our political leaders in the Labour Party and in the Opposition, apparently, know how the parties have been financed. None of them had anything to do with money.

We have heard MK Yigal Horowitz displaying a veritable Olympian anger, only to be rebuffed by MK Israel Margalit with the now conventional argument that the allegations of a convicted criminal cannot be trusted. The Knesset was in an uproar, members were nearly at each other's throats — but all, accusers and accused, self-appointed saints and unwilling devils, were united in wanting the public to believe that they knew nothing and had heard nothing. Most also said nothing.

Small voices were heard, here and there, which hinted that what most of us now regard as ranging from the irregular to the immoral and even criminal, was once the accepted norm. Even MK Aryeh (Lyova) Eliav, in his radio interview last Saturday, did not come out with a lion's roar.

Although he rightly branded the plea of ignorance as hypocritical, he himself toned down past practices of party financing to such an extent that his voice got lost among the squeals of those who scurried into the dark corners of ignorance when the light came on. Mr. Eliav, too, appeared to be giving his listeners a retouched picture of the past.

Mr. Eliav's presentation of party financing as merely the solicitation of more or less voluntary donations, undertaken by the most outstanding leaders "as a sacred mission," in fact makes him a participant in the universal pretence.

The pretence of the misleaders lies in the retroactive application of a set of only relatively recently established mores. The condemnation of Asher Yadin by those who, in their hearts, still adhere to the old moral code, is on a different level from what many people now expect in the conduct of public and even private business. The former are indignant mainly at the breach of trust involved in individual pocket-lining — but, conscious of the change in prevalent codes of behaviour, they dare not say so openly.

This insincere retroactive moralism which we now see brandished as an insult to the intelligence of the public. It may also have resulted in the pillorying of people who acted as they did in the honest belief that there was nothing shameful in what they were doing. For two generations these people believed that whatever was for the greater good of the party was also for the greater good of the nation or

READERS' LETTERS

UNIONS WRECKING THE ECONOMY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have spent 20 years of my working life — and I mean working — in the USA, most of it as a dues-paying member of the AFL-CIO. Nobody has to paint me pictures about what it means to be a card-punching stiff.

After making this perfectly clear, I must say that, in my honest opinion, it is an unmitigated disgrace what the labour unions are doing in this and with this poor country. It is an unmitigated disgrace not only because labour unions were not organized for the purpose they are used here for, but because it is a disgrace to do everything possible to wreck a country's economy which is permanently and constantly on the

EXPERTS NEEDED BUT NOT HEEDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I want to second Sir Marcus Sieff's remarks as reported in your issue of January 24. I too have been frustrated by the high-handed, non-sensical attitude of many of the executives of several companies I have tried to "help" as a marketing expert and management consultant. It could not be that they did not respect my expertise, which they thoroughly checked, and it could not be a left-handed objection to a fee, for there was none.

These executives are young, smart, but void of proper profit-making motives; they distrust the outsider, ending up in a crude effort to outsmart the game; they move at a speed that puts the slow pace of a

OFFICIAL LIST OF TAXI FARES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was astonished to read the letter of Hans Joachim Baum in your issue of January 24 (February 6). As members of the public who have received notification that we are expected to testify in court, I should like to know why this is considered necessary?

The letter states: "If it is established, after investigation, that the taxi driver is indeed guilty of overcharging, he is brought to trial..." In our case, my husband is a teacher of matriculation classes. He will have to take unpaid time off work which his students cannot afford academically and he cannot afford financially. I too will lose time and therefore money. All this for a case that has already been proved by an investigation and involves, in our case, a matter of a maximum of IL50. To the money we shall have to lose due to not working can be added the cost of return journeys to wherever the case will be heard — a total of IL200 at least.

Perhaps it is hoped merely to discourage the public from appealing against being overcharged.

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PENFRIENDS

PATRICIA MASSON of 36 Belgrave Road, Monkstown, Dublin, Ireland, is a student, who would like to have Israeli penfriends over 20.

SMOKING AT WORK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It was good to read in your paper that your photographer had spotted some meat being transported in a non-hygienic way and I was very pleased to learn that the meat was not for human consumption.

But why not send the same photographer to supermarkets and other shops in the country to take some pictures of employees smoking during work and throwing cigarette ash on meat, fish and even on salads in open dishes? When this is pointed out to the manager, he merely orders that the food be cleaned with a dirty cloth and then it is still sold as "fit for human consumption." Your photographers could also take pictures in restaurants and cafes where food and drinks are served by waiters with a cigarette in their mouth.

J.B. SIMON
Haifa

Party financing: a time to stop and to confess

The practice of financing party operations with moneys drawn from economic enterprises affiliated with the parties is of long standing. The quandary that this poses can only be resolved if the practice is stopped and the offenders confess fully, writes POST Economic Editor MEIR MERHAV.

by what was to become the new Solel Boneh, in competition with the Local Workers' Council of Haifa, Abba Hushi told him: "You understand, we have expenses."

And Hushi Dan continues: "I knew that the Contractors' Office (of the Labour Council) contributed to the Workers' Council's secretariat. I had already for some time acquiesced in the idea that the economic instruments of the Histadrut had to assume the burden of supporting the existence of the organizational instruments. I therefore replied to Abba Hushi: 'That is all right, we shall speak to Sobol (the treasurer of the Council)'."

We have picked but one out of dozens of questionable passages in the book. We may read how Solel Boneh, for the greater good of the pioneering effort, stole supplies and materials from the British Army in World War II; how currency was smuggled abroad; how bribes were given; how rings were established among contractors, including Solel Boneh, hiding for works in order to subvert tenders.

We read about the falsification of books not only to defraud the Mandatory government of income tax (an act that was, and would still be, considered supremely moral) but also to "present as modest as possible a picture of our assets...and of the state of our business... We did not want to make ourselves ostentatious, neither towards the inside nor towards the outside world."

We read about the establishment of the State of Israel, there was a secret accord, which lasted for four years, with the nascent income tax administration, that Solel Boneh would pay a percentage of its turnover, not of its profits. We read how the income tax inspectors pressured Solel Boneh to doctor the books so that it would appear that they paid like everyone else, out of profits. Finally, we read of a programme submitted in 1952 by Hushi Dan to Ben-Gurion,

and approved by the government (but not implemented), which amounted in fact to a complete merging of Solel Boneh with nearly all the economic works and services of the government. The only absolute "don't" applied to individual gain. Only clean hands could, and did, do dirty work.

BUREAUCRACIES outlast the individuals of which they are composed. Norms of conduct and traditional attitudes linger on, sometimes long after the circumstances which shaped them have changed. Hushi Dan's Solel Boneh was broken up by Pinhas Lavon, but the fragments have each become greater and more powerful than the previous whole.

And the time when the Histadrut, the party, and the state all merged imperceptibly into each other is still within the memory of many who are a generation or two younger than Hushi Dan would have been were he still alive. Some of his younger collaborators are still active. Can one be surprised that new norms of public and private conduct should not yet have percolated into some of these institutions and economic fortresses? Is it credible that the heads of these organizations, including those no longer in the Labour Party, knew nothing?

The protestations of ignorance and non-involvement are therefore as insincere as the regard as innocent necessary were we concerned only with the past. It would be too much to have us believe that modes of behaviour which became ingrained for two generations changed and disappeared suddenly, just because the Knesset passed a toothless party financing law which became effective in 1973. That law still leaves much scope for many of the practices that prevailed before, for it does not prevent parties from receiving donations from abroad, does not prevent them from running

POSTSCRIPTS

WE ARE NOT SURE that we would vote for the Women's Party anyway. We were brought up in a feminist tradition that women should not be relegated to a "scheduled caste," like the Untouchables of India are.

But in any case we find ourselves disagreeing with some of the Party's publicity.

Not that we object on principle to the appeal to street-walkers, after all they belong to the world's oldest profession. But why class them with students and soldiers? Why not put them in one of the other categories mentioned in the advertisement — volunteers and Knesset members, for instance?

And what about call-girls? To omit reference to them smacks of class-distinction.

F.D.

THE NEW British Ambassador, Mr. John Mason, should feel at home here very quickly. We gather that he has the kind of sense of humour likely to appeal to Israelis.

Visiting Bar Ilan University recently, he told the students about some of his initial experiences here. At a Tu B'Shvat tree-planting ceremony, he said, he had had to make a speech.

"A woman came up to me afterwards and said: 'What a pity you're an ambassador. You would have made a wonderful rabbi!'"

S.L.

MAY 16 means more to Washington lawyer Herbert Fierst than the date of the 10th anniversary of a reunited

economic enterprises, and does not permit full financial control.

When leaders proclaim they did not know anything about party finances, or knew only in a general way, they implicitly admit to a feeling of guilt, even if not to themselves (not with respect to the distant past, but with regard to the more recent past and possibly the present). At the very least, they mislead.

The denials of knowledge and complicity, as well as the resounding silence of the heads of the institutions and enterprises to which all eyes turn naturally, raise the question: if these leaders did not know — who knew? Who are the people who can give an answer? Are they grey-faced little men in sweat-cramped summer suits with open collars, scurrying around banks and offices, greasy briefcases clutched under their armpits, with names which are generally unknown and no official function?

If the leaders did not know by what means their political backing was engineered, if they were so naïve to permit themselves to become as they would now have us believe unwitting accessories before the fact of deeds which they themselves consider too shady to stand full exposure, then the conclusion must be drawn that they are too naïve to be fit for public life.

AN ANCIENT Hebrew saying is that "He who confesses and shall be pardoned." Mead adherence, as of now, to an inadequate law passed by the Knesset is inadequate. Confession — that full and frank disclosure of the facts of all assets, all financial links, enterprises and institutions, in this country and abroad, a full accounting of the inherently legitimate cost of maintaining a democratic party system — is required to convince the public that we have broken with the norms of conduct of the past.

It may well be that the courage needed to confess frankly what we now regard as innocent beyond the capacity of Israeli political leaders, whatever they say. Such a frank statement from at least one person in high office, however, the only way to raise democratic system above a morass of petty criminal calculations which have repercussions that destroy more than individual reputations or the electoral chances of this or that party.

Asher Yadin's personal fall from a distasteful incident. But what of his individual guilt, he should not be used as a convenient scapegoat for the absorption from guilt of an entire system — a system of which he is the tragic product.

Jerusalem. It was on that day, years ago, that he celebrated his 50th birthday in the Hurva Synagogue, the Old City's Jewish Quarter.

Fierst read in The Jerusalem Overseas Edition recently about Municipality's plans to celebrate its first decade since reunification, remembered that the date had a personal meaning for him. He wrote a friend in the Foreign Ministry, pressing his eagerness to come to Jerusalem and take part in the celebrations. The letter was forwarded to Mayor Teddy Kollek, who is trying to help.

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